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"The Six Servants"

BASED ON MODERN GRIMM'S FAIRY
TALE ... by **PAT MORRIS**



ENLIGHTEN ME, MASTER, FOR I AM
WORRIED!!... WHO'S BEHIND ALL
THIS **THREAT OF WAR?..** AND **WHEN**
AND **HOW** WILL IT
ALL **END?**



DOWN BY THE BEND IN THE RIVER, IN
THE PROVINCE OF THE **YELLOW DRAGON**
ARE **THREE MEN..** ONLY THEY CAN
ANSWER YOUR QUESTION! **CONCENTRATE!**
AND MY MAGIC SHALL TAKE
YOU THERE!!

YES, MASTER!



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SEVERAL HALF-SECONDS
LATER.....



WHAT ODD LOOKING FAIRIES!

BHH! GREETINGS,
MY FRIENDS!

GREETINGS
YOURSELVES!

I HEARD
THAT!



THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN OPPRESSING
CHINA FOR MANY YEARS.... IF THEY
OBTAIN THE ATOM BOMB THEY'LL DESTROY
ALL HUMANITY! I WAS TOLD YOU
COULD HELP TO STOP
THEM.



AH, YES! I SEE
THEM



THEM? WHO ARE
"THEM"?.....

SILENCE!... EARS, TELL
ME WHAT THEY ARE
SAYING!



HMM...HMMM!!...MMHMMM....THEY'RE SAYING..."NICKOLAS, YOU WILL MEET AGENT X AND HIS MEN IN **ST. LOUIS** AT 1234 SOUTH SIRROM STREET AT **ONE AM.** TO-MORROW...HE'LL DELIVER TO YOU THE **COMPLETE PLANS OF THE U.S. ATOM BOMB!**"



OH HO!!...VOICE, WHISPER THAT INTO THE EAR OF THE CHIEF OF THE F.B.I. IN WASHINGTON!



QUITE!

....HE'LL DELIVER TO YOU THE **COMPLETE PLANS OF THE U.S. ATOM BOMB!!**



WHAT'D YOU SAY?!!...WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT OUT?!

ME?!...I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, CHIEF!!...I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT!



SOMEBODY SAID IT!!...LISTEN, SEE IF IT REGISTERED ON THE WIRE RECORDER! MAYBE IT'S A HOAX BUT...QUICK! TELEGRAPH ST LOUIS IMMEDIATELY AND HAVE 'EM CHECK ON IT!!



YES SIR!

ONE HOUR LATER....
1234 SOUTH SIRMOM
STREET...ST. LOUIS...



HA!!...WHEN *NICKOLAS* COMES WE'LL GIVE HIM
THE PAPERS....THEN WE'LL
CELEBRATE!!

DA!!...



THERE'S THE PLACE...OKAY, FAN OUT!! AND
KEEP YOUR GUNS READY!!

RIGHT, SIR!



PASS IT THE VODKA, JASCHA,
I WA.....*AWK!! G-MENS!!*....
GRAB THE GUNS!



THEY'VE STARTED *FIRING!!*...
LET 'EM HAVE IT!!

THE DIRTY.....!!



RIGHT,
THAT'S
NOT C
GET M
GET A

THAT
MUS



AND Y!!

RIGHT, MY LITTLE PETRUSHKA!!... HA! THAT'S ONE AMERICAN TRICK THAT DID NOT CATCH THE BIRD!!... THEY'LL NEVER GET ME!! WE'LL GO TO THE AIRPORT AND GET AWAY IN OUR PLANE!



HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN!!...THEY'VE GIVEN UP!!... OKAY, YOU BIRDS! COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!



...!!

THAT WENT WELL...SOFAR... BUT WE MUSTN'T LOSE NICKOLAS!

DON'T WORRY!!... I SEE HIM!

....AND I'M LISTENING!





HIDEOUT
ND US
S!.....

MEANWHILE IN WASHINGTON

I CERTAINLY AM GLAD YOU GENTLEMEN
ARE HERE! LOOK AT THESE MESSAGES!...
GENTLEMEN, I BELIEVE I'M GOING
NUTS!

HUNH?

VI...HMM

NE.....

Y...YES
SIR!

NOT
PLANE

S...YO
KE
OW!!WE

W!

YOU MUST BE!!!! SUCH A MESSAGE
COULDN'T BE SENT! IT'S OBVIOUSLY A
JAG...OR SOME CRANK FRANK!...

DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT, GENERAL!...
TSK! TSK! YOU JUST KNOCKED THAT
GLASS OVER!....

VOICE CALLING FBI!...HIDEOUT 'A' IS
LATITUDE 80° 6' NORTH LONGITUDE
15° 6' WEST....SENDING YOU PHOTO-
GRAPH WITHIN A QUARTER HOUR!

L...LOOK!!...THAT PHOTOGRAPH! THERE!
NOW I KNOW I'M NUTS!



HOW IT HAPPENED...

LEGS PICKED UP **HANDS** AND STARTED HIS JET POWERED LEG



WITH THE HELP OF THE WIND THAT **SNEEZE** GETS UP HE FLIES RIGHT TO HIDEOUT 'A



SNEEZE KEEPS SNEEZING TO STIR UP A ROUGH SEA SO THAT WHEN **HANDS** AND **LEGS** ARRIVE THEY CAN SLIP ABOARD THE WHITE BATTLESHIP UNNOTICED BY THE SICK CREW...



TIPTOEING TO THE MAIN STATE ROOM **HANDS** PHOTOGRAPHS THE PROCEEDINGS

YOU **DOPE**!! I SHOULD.... **UH?!...** WHAT WAS DOT?!

L....LOOK!!



AS THE OTHERS PURSUE, **HANDS** RUNS RIGHT INTO NICKOLAS MANGRY'S ROOM....





YES SIR!... YOU'VE GOT GOOD REASON TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF 'IM!... HE'S A SPY!

WHA...?.. THAT VOICE AGAIN!!



VOICES! VOICES!... PHOTOGRAPHS SUDDENLY APPEAR!... I DON'T GET IT!... BUT HOAX OR NOT WE SHOULD SEND A FEW PLANE TO THIS HIDEOUT 'A'....

ROGER, GENERAL!

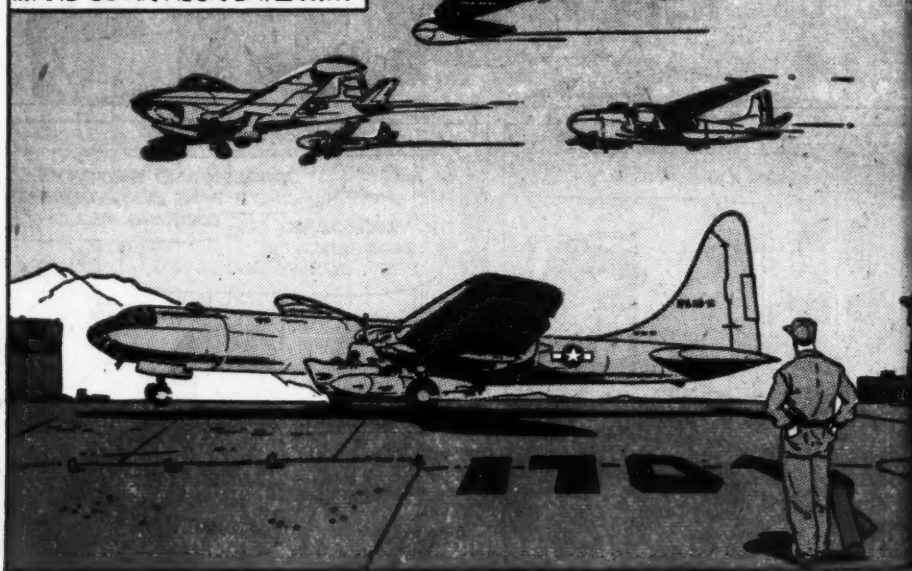


...BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO APPROACH WITH OUT BEING SEEN...AND WE CAN'T DO THAT!

AH!...NOT SO!... DON'T WORRY!... YOU SEND 'EM...WE'LL HIDE 'EM!



...AND SO AN HOUR LATER....



S SUDDE
HOAX
PLAN
GER!
ERAL!

WELL, THEY'RE OFF!...NOW
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING SO
THAT HIDEOUT 'A WON'T HEAR THEM!

NO PROBLEM!!! YOU LEAVE THAT TO US!...
C'MON, LEGGS, GIVE ME A LIFT...N', SNEEZE,
GIVE US A PUSH!!



WE'LL FIX THEIR WAGON....BUT GOOD!

WHEEE!



LISTEN, LEGGS, DROP ME THROUGH THAT
PORTHOLE...IT'S THEIR ELECTRIC CONTROL
ROOM...WHOOPS! TAKE IT
EASY....

MMMFF!! IT'S

HARD TO STEER
IN THIS STORM THAT SNEEZE
IS STIRRING UP!!



DUH?....



STOP HIM!! STOP THAT....OOF!!

WHEEE!!







AH YES...THEY'VE CAPTURED HIS EXCELLENCY AND ARE NOW AWAITING FURTHER ORDERS!

GOOD!!!VOICE,TELL THE CAPTAIN IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT CODE TO DROP HIS EXCELLENCY OFF IN HIS HOME TOWN IN LOWER AISSUR!

MMM!!
GOOD IDEA



.....So it came to pass that in the little town of zislesswarunkkleJolivedski in lower Aissur, an old gray man got its inhabitants laughing by claiming that he was the mighty...The omnipotent ...Aissur's sole ruler, His Excellency...

THE MAN'S MAD!!
CALL THE COMMISAR OF POLICE!!
YES!
THE COMMISAR!



SUCH TALK IS TREASON!!...GET OUT BEFORE HAVE YOU PUT IN JAIL!!...GO!!
B...BUT....HOKAY!....



...And so....with no money and nothing to eat he wandered off over the cold steppes, eventually starving to death....Meanwhile in Aissur's capitol, everyone worried

WORRY! WORRY!!!...WHAT WILL WE DO?!!
THE IRON CURTAIN IS PULLED!..ALL IS LOST!!
TROUBLES!TROUBLES!!



THERE IS ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO...ISSUE A STATEMENT THAT HIS EXCELLENCY DIED OF HEART TROUBLE!!
DA!!!...AND THEN LET'S TRY TO GO ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD!



And get along it did... Becoming a full fledged working member in the U.N. No longer using its veto, and peace reigned throughout the world.....

REPART...
MM!!
D IDE...
A week later, Nickolas Mangry is brought to trial for treason and Red Dragon
and the odd men are brought in as witnesses



deski in
ing the
ency...
BEFORE
AY!.....
HIS EXCELLENCY PROMISED TO MAKE ME
A COMMISSAR IF I HELPED KEEP THE
UNITED STATES AROUSED....IM
SORRY!



old
ng worr...
NO...199...
DIED O...
RY TO G...
OF THE
LD!...
THE FOLLOWING DAY.....

...AND AS **PRESIDENT** I AM HONORED
TO BESTOW ON YOU THESE **MEDALS**
FOR YOUR **HEROIC**
DEEDS!
THANK YOU, MR.
PRESIDENT....AND
NOW WE MUST LEAVE!



. No

YOUR SORROW TOUCHES ME **NOT ONE WHIT!...**
YOU AND YOUR ILK MEANT TO PLUNGE THE
WORLD INTO **WAR** AND FOR THAT IT IS THE
JUDGEMENT OF THIS COURT
THAT **YOU SHALL DIE!!.....**



GEE, RED DRAGON THAT WAS
EXCITING!!...THOSE PEOPLE WERE
SO ODD THOUGH!

YES...
THAT
THEY

WERE...AND I THINK
WE SHOULD ASK *THE MASTER*
ABOUT THEM!



PO SHE LO !!

AH! WELCOME
BACK, MY
FRIENDS!



WE SAVED THE WORLD FROM WAR, MASTER....BUT
WE ARE *PUZZLED*! HOW COULD THESE *WONDERFUL*
THINGS HAVE HAPPENED?!

IT IS NOT AS *FANTASTIC* AS
YOU THINK!....HERE...OBSERVE
THIS BOOK!



WHY...IT'S A BOOK
OF *FAIRY TALES*!

YES!....*GRIMM'S FAIRY
TALES*...THE KIND I READ
IN MY CHILDHOOD.

AYE!!...NOW OPEN TO THE STORY
OF "*THE SIX SERVANTS*" AND
READ THERE IN!!...



FROM
MY
IDS

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SSER
OK!

STOR
"AND
"...

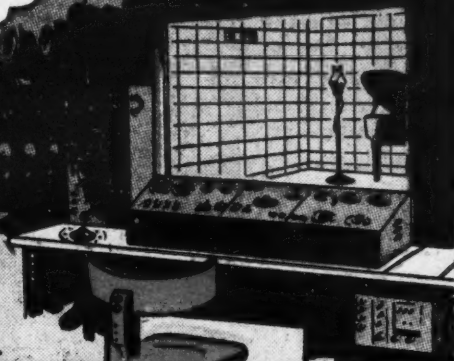
WAVE



Voice

A man with his mouth bandaged strolling along was stopped by the Prince, who asked him: "Have you a toothache?" "No," said the man, "If I left this bandage off, my voice could be heard anywhere in the world I wanted it to!"

AYSA!...AND IS THAT NOT LIKE THE MODERN RADIO WHOSE VOICE IS HEARD THE WORLD OVER?!

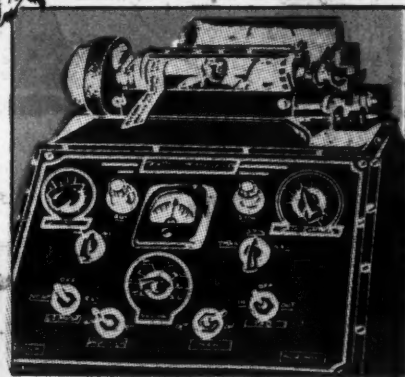


Then they came upon a man sitting by the side of the road who had bandaged up his eyes... "Have you weak eyes?" Inquired the Prince... Can you not look up at the light?" "No, I have sharp eyes!" said the man. "They are so powerful that I dare not take away the bandage for I can see anything anywhere... There is nothing in this world that is hidden from me

Eyes



NOT UNLIKE THE TELEFAX SIGHT, EH, MY FRIENDS?



What are you doing here asked the Prince.... "I'm listening," he replied. "And to what are you listening so attentively," pursued the Prince.... "I am hearing what is going on in the world around," said the listener.... "Nothing escapes my ears. I can even hear the grass growing!"....



AYE!!...EVEN LIKE THE GREAT SOUND DETECTORS THAT WERE USED DURING THE WAR!



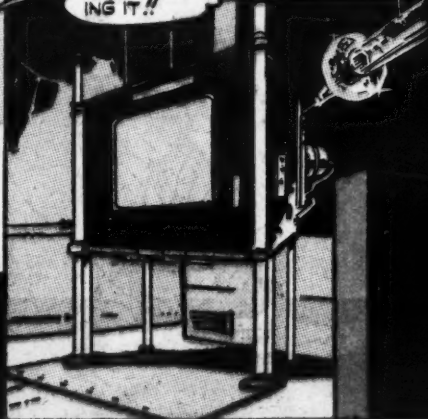
"An here rose do?" hold would just one: great the u powe can down acco time call

We call him hands....He is the greatest thief who ever lived....Without disturbing the mother bird he can remove the eggs from the nest....There is no vault or safe or house that he cannot enter without detection....We keep his hands tied because otherwise he would always be stealing.....

Hands



AN!!...AND IS NOT THE X-RAY A GREAT THIEF ALSO?...IT CAN STEAL ANYTHING BY PHOTOGRAPHING IT!!



"JUL SOU

GREA
AT
AR!

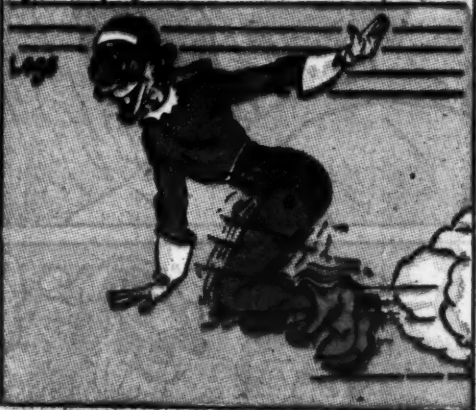
"And your brother here, holding his nose, what does he do?" If he didn't hold his nose, he would sneeze...Not just an ordinary sneeze but the greatest sneeze in the world...It is so powerful that he can blow a forest down halfway across the continent....So, we call him Sneeze."

AND WHAT IS **ATOMIC ENERGY** BUT A MIGHTY SNEEZE OF POWER?!



Sneeze

"In a short while we had met another man standing on one leg who had unbuckled the other leg and laid it by his side... The leader of the others said, 'You have done this no doubt, to rest yourself...' 'Yes,' replied the man, 'I am a runner. I keep myself from running faster than light only by unbuckling one of my legs'."



...JUST AS WE TOO, TRAVEL LIKE THE SOUND USING **JET PROPULSION AND ROCKETS!**



G...GOSH!!... I NEVER
THOUGHT OF THAT!

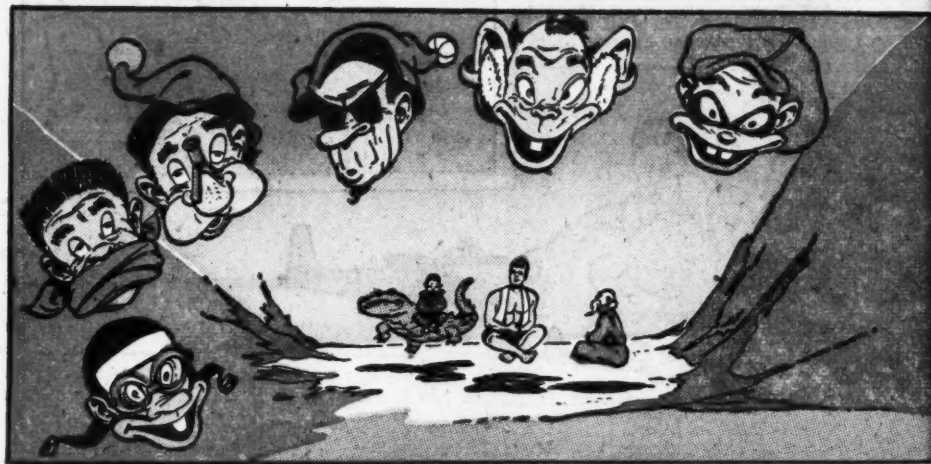
YES, MY SON,
OUR *REALISTIC*
WORLD IS NOT FAR
REMOVED FROM THE
ONE OF *FANTASY*!



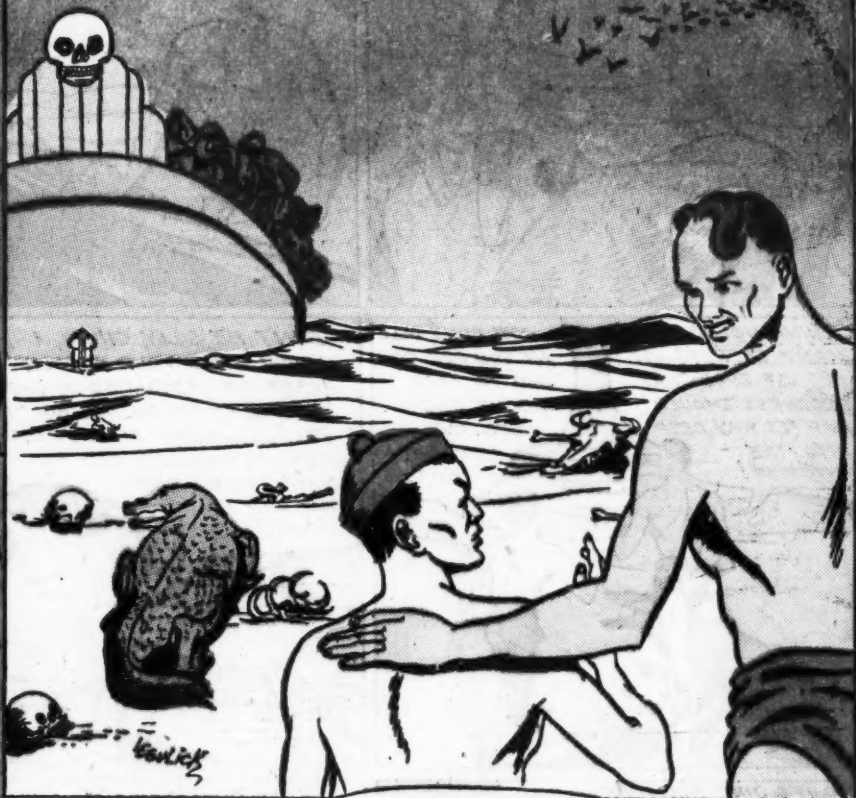
IN THE DAY OF MR. GRIMM THESE THINGS
DID NOT EXIST AND SO HE WAS
TERMED A *DREAMER*... THE
TELLER OF FAIRY TALES....



BUT YOU SEE, MY CHILDREN, WHAT MAY BE
FAIRY TALES ONE DAY BECOME *RE-*
ALITY THE NEXT... AND *FAIRY TALES*
ALWAYS COME
TRUE !....

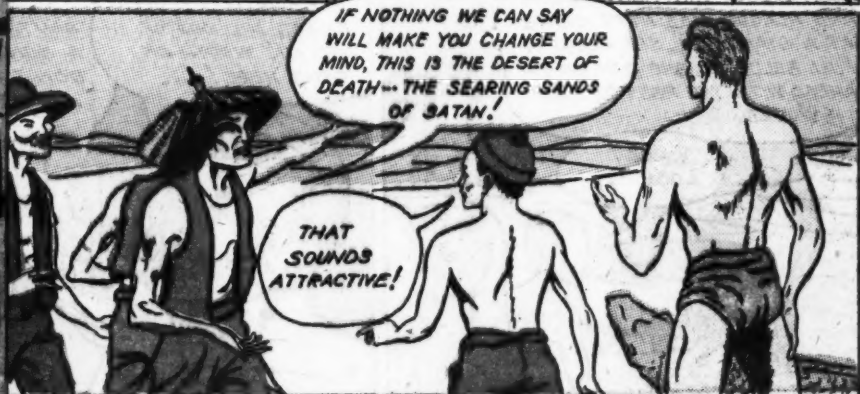


THE Blooming DESERT



IF NOTHING WE CAN SAY
WILL MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR
MIND, THIS IS THE DESERT OF
DEATH--THE SEARING SANDS
OF SATAN!

THAT
SOUNDS
ATTRACTIVE!





SO MORE BRAVE MEN WILL
DIE.... AND FOR WHAT? TO
DARE THE UNKNOWNABLE
NONE WHO HAVE EVER
TROD THE SANDS HAVE
RETURNED....



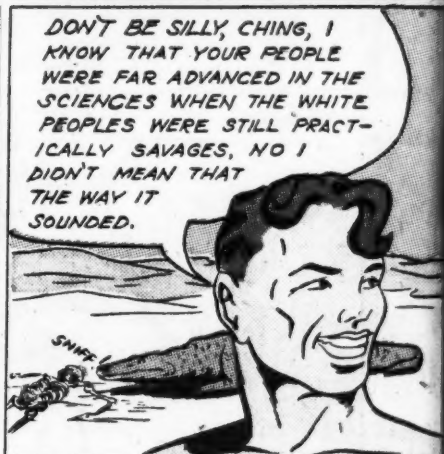
THIS IS THE
MOST INTRIGUING
PROBLEM WE'VE
HAD IN A LONG
TIME!

I HOPE YOU
AND KOMODO
LIKE IT, BE-
CAUSE I DON'T



CHINA HOLDS SO
MANY SECRETS... IT
IS PAST TIME THAT
PROGRESS SHOULD
MAP IT'S WAY DEEP
INTO THE
INTERIOR!

NOW DON'T TELL
ME YOU ARE GO-
ING TO TALK
ABOUT OUR
NEED FOR
CIVILIZAT-
ION!



DON'T BE SILLY, CHING, I
KNOW THAT YOUR PEOPLE
WERE FAR ADVANCED IN THE
SCIENCES WHEN THE WHITE
PEOPLES WERE STILL PRACT-
ICALLY SAVAGES, NO I
DIDN'T MEAN THAT
THE WAY IT
SOUNDED.



NO, IT'S JUST THAT HUNGER, WAR
AND PLAGUE HAS KEPT CHINA
AT A STANDSTILL, SHE NEEDS A
FULL BELLY SO SHE CAN GO ON
AHEAD WITH THE REST OF THE
WORLD.

WHOA!
LOOK!



GEE WHILLIKERS! GULP-
THERE'S MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS WORTH OF
GEMS HERE!.....

CHING FOO...
DON'T... I HAVE
A HUNCH.....
DON'T LOOK
AT THEM!

YOU
WDO
BE—
DON

WHAT A STRANGE
FEELING... POWER--
POWER IF I...



I FEEL EVIL ALL AROUND ME---IT'S
LIKE A CHILL... DO YOU FEEL IT?

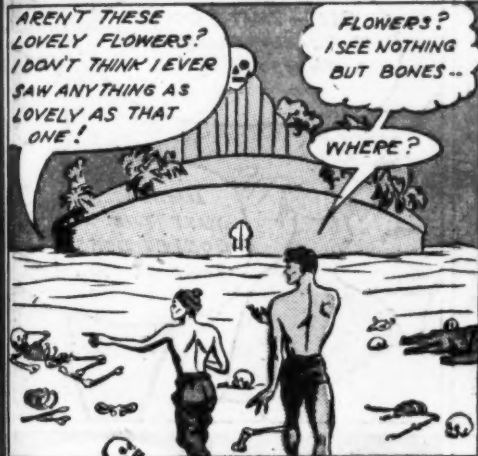
EVIL? NO INDEED...
I FEEL FINE. COME ON,
WHAT ARE WE WAITING
FOR? LET'S GO SEE
WHAT'S AHEAD!



AREN'T THESE
LOVELY FLOWERS?
I DON'T THINK I EVER
SAW ANYTHING AS
LOVELY AS THAT
ONE!

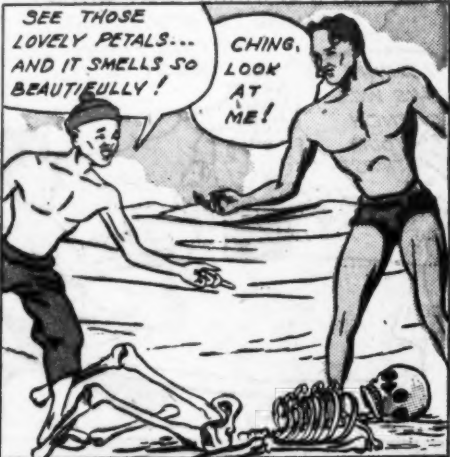
FLOWERS?
I SEE NOTHING
BUT BONES--

WHERE?



SEE THOSE
LOVELY PETALS...
AND IT SMELLS SO
BEAUTIFULLY!

CHING,
LOOK
AT ME!



AND THAT
OASIS, I'VE
NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING SO
PRETTY!

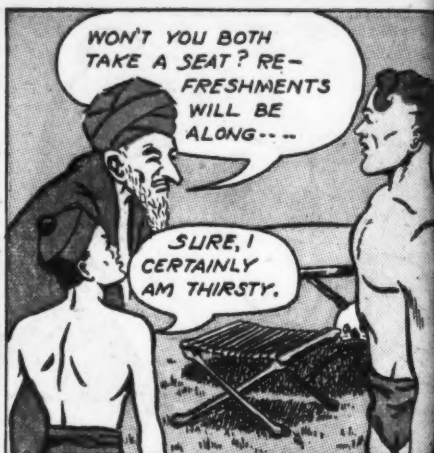
WHAT GOES
ON HERE?
HAS THE
HEAT GOT
YOU?



AH-- STRANGER, WELCOME TO MY
HUMBLE ABODE. WON'T YOU COME IN
PLEASE?

WHAT A DE-
LIGHTFUL OLD MAN...
SO BENEVOLENT-- LOOKS
A LITTLE LIKE SANTA
CLAUS.









LET'S
OUT
THIS
ABOUT

PO SHE LO! BE STILL
KOMODO!



HUMANS..
LIVING BE-
INGS...COME
MY BROTH-
ERS ----

DRAGON
WHAT
DOING
KOMODO

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM..
HE'LL BE ALRIGHT!
WORRY ABOUT
YOURSELF!

BEHIND
THOSE
BLE
URES

THEY
DON'T SEEM
TO BE IN VERY
GOOD CON-
DITION!

GUESS
THEY DON'T
GET ENOUGH
SUNLIGHT!



KILL, MY
CHILDREN.. KILL
THEM! THEY
ARE YOURS--

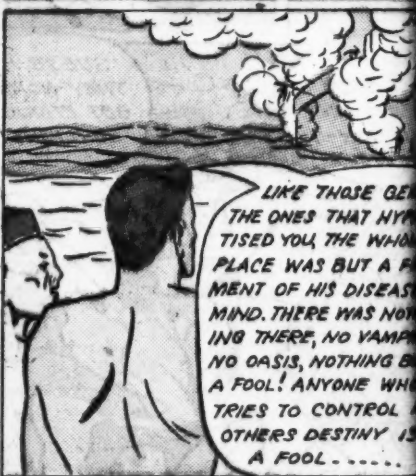
RED DRAGON..
KOMODO...
WHAT DID
YOU DO TO
HIM?



I SEE WHAT
YOU MEAN!

GET A WIGGLE
ON, YOUR SANTA
CLAUSE IS GET-
TING AWAY!





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GOIN
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THE
R FOOL
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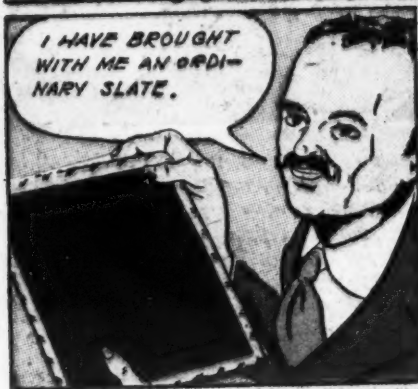
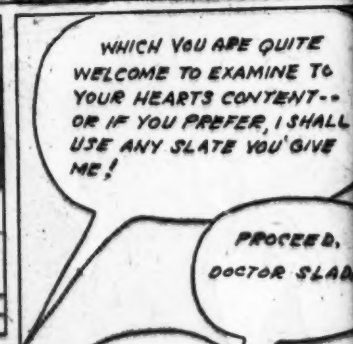
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....

HOW THE GREAT KELLER

BAFFLED
THE
SPOOK-MAKERS



THE LEADING MAGICIAN AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY WAS HARRY KELLER.. CREATOR OF MANY REMARKABLE ILLUSIONS, THE GREAT KELLER WAS FAMED FOR HIS "SPIRIT CABINET" WHICH WAS INSPECTED BY THE AUDIENCE, ONLY TO HAVE SPOOKS APPEAR WITHIN ITS HAUNTED WALLS... BUT KELLER CLAIMED NO SUPERNATURAL POWERS. HE USED HIS CABINET TO PROVE THAT HE COULD PRODUCE MANIFESTATIONS BY NORMAL MEANS.... ALWAYS, KELLER FOUGHT THE GHOST FAKERS AS WAS DEMONSTRATED WHEN HE SHOWED HIS SUPERIORITY OVER THE NOTORIOUS CHARLATAN, DOCTOR SLADE...TURN THIS PAGE AND LEARN THE WHOLE AMAZING STORY!



IS
EQU
FUND
I WE
NEED
ESTS

FIRST I DROP
SOME SLATE PENCILS
ON THE SLATE---

THEN I PLACE THE SLATE
BENEATH THE TABLE AND
HOLD IT THERE. IF YOU
DRAW CLOSER, GENTLEMEN--

YOU WILL HEAR
THE SPIRITS WRITING
A MESSAGE WITH
THOSE PENCILS!

I CAN
HEAR A SLATE
PENCIL!

EE
E TO
NT--
SHALL
GIVE

ED,
SLADE

SQUEEK
SCRATCH!

MOST
REMARKABLE!

COULD YOU
REPEAT THIS
EXPERIMENT,
DR. SLADE?

ANY TIME
YOU WISH,
GENTLEMEN!

YOU HAVE HEARD.
NOW YOU SHALL
SEE 'TAKE THE
SLATE, GENTLEMEN
AND TURN IT OVER.

Commissioners:
Doctor Slade is
going to make
you believe
that he can
communicate
with the dead.



CONVINCING THOUGH
IT WAS, I FEEL SLADE'S
WORK WAS TRICKERY!

YET UNLESS WE
CAN PROVE TRICKERY,
WE MUST PRONOUNCE
HIM GENUINE!

I HAVE AN IDEA,
GENTLEMEN. COME
WITH ME!



YOU ARE
SURE YOU CAN
EXPLAIN SLADE'S
METHOD, MR.
KELLER?

ABSOLUTELY. WHAT
IS MORE, I CAN
PERFORM THE
SLATE
TRICK EVEN
BETTER!

VERY WELL,
MR. KELLER--



BUT TO MEET TEST
CONDITIONS, YOU MUST
PERFORM ELSE-WHERE
THAN IN YOUR OWN
THEATRE.

AGREED. SUPPOSE
WE ENGAGE A
ROOM IN THE CON-
TINENTAL HOTEL.



THIS MAN KELLER
GIVES MAGICAL PERFORM-
ANCES. PERHAPS HE CAN
EXPLAIN SLADE'S SLATE
WRITING!


LET'S GO UP AND
TALK WITH HIM
ABOUT IT!




WE SHALL HAVE
SLADE MEET US
HERE TO-MORROW!

I SHALL BE
WAITING,
GENTLEMEN.

THE NEXT DAY IN KELLER'S HOTEL ROOM---




I PLACE THE
EXAMINED SLATE
BENEATH THE
TABLE---

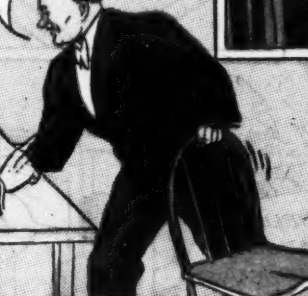


YOU CAN HEAR THE
SPIRITS WRITING
WHILE I HOLD THE
SLATE!


SUPPOSE I
HOLD THAT SLATE
UP BENEATH THE
TABLE, SLADE!




YOU HAVE
INTERUPTED
THE MESSAGE
FROM THE
SPIRITS!




NOT AT ALL! I AM
GIVING THEM TIME TO
FINISH IT, BUT I DON'T
THINK THEY WILL!



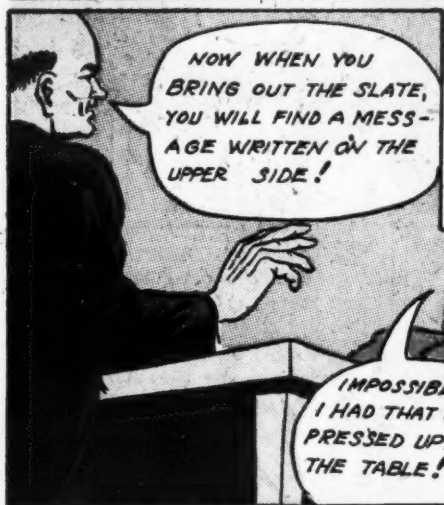
SINCE THE WRITING
APPEARED ON THE UNDER SIDE
OF THE SLATE, SLADE COULD
EASILY HAVE SCRAWLED IT
WITH A BIT OF SLATE PENCIL
GUNNED TO HIS FOREFINGER---
LIKE THIS!



TOO BAD THE SPIRITS
COULDN'T FINISH THE
WORD "GENUINE"---
BUT THE ANSWER IS
SIMPLE!



I PROTEST!
YOU CAN'T PROVE
IT!



ONE OF YOU WATCH
WHILE I GIVE THE
SLATE TO THE OTHER,
AS I DID WITH SLADE.

WHY... A TRAP
DOOR IS OPENING
IN THE FLOOR!

AND A MAN FROM BE-
LOW IS TAKING THE BLANK
SLATE AND PASSING UP
ANOTHER!

JUST ONE OF
MY ASSISTANTS.

NOW MY HANDS ARE
INSTANTLY CLEAR.
THAT'S THE FIRST THING
THAT BAFFLED SLADE---

THERE GOES THE
TRAP DOOR SHUT
AGAIN---AND
SILENTLY!

AND THE OTHER WAS
THE FACT THAT THE
MESSAGE APPEARED ON
THE UPPER SIDE OF THE
SLATE!

BUT DOES THIS
HOTEL ROOM HAPPEN
TO HAVE A TRAP DOOR
IN THE FLOOR?

READ THIS
AND YOU'LL
KNOW!

YOU'VE PROVEN
ALL WE'VE NEEDED, KELLER.
OF COURSE WE OWE YOU
FOR THE EXPENSES...

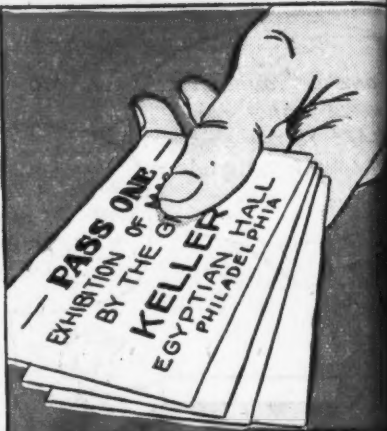
NOT AT ALL, IN-
STEAD, I OWE
YOU THESE.



AFTER THE SHOW

SLADE HAS LEFT
TOWN, KELLER... AND
HE'S STILL BAFLED
OVER THE SLATE
STUNT!

HE SHOULD HAVE
STAYED TO SEE THIS
SPOOK CABINET! IT'S
MORE WONDERFUL THAN
ANYTHING PRETENDED
MEDIUMS HAVE SHOWN
US!



AND SO, THAT EVENING ...

I CALL THIS CABINET
"CASSADAGA PROPAGANDA"
AND IT PROVES THAT SPOOKY
THINGS CAN BE DONE BY
BY NATURAL MEANS!



Another
GREAT MAGICIAN

tells of his
BEST
TRICK

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

THE BALANCED RUBBER BALL

THIS IS GOING TO LOOK IMPOSSIBLE BOYS!

TRYING TO BALANCE A RUBBER BALL ON THE END OF A DRINKING STRAW!

NEVERTHELESS, IT CAN BE DONE -- AND THERE IT IS!

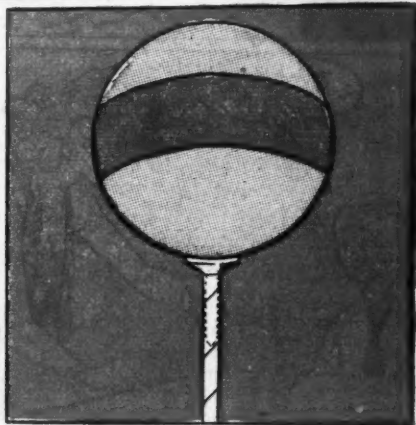
WHY, THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

NOT IMPOSSIBLE -- JUST VERY SIMPLE! BORROW ONE OF DAD'S GOLF TEES AND PUT IT IN THE END OF A STRAW. IT FORMS THE BASE ON WHICH YOU BALANCE THE BALL!

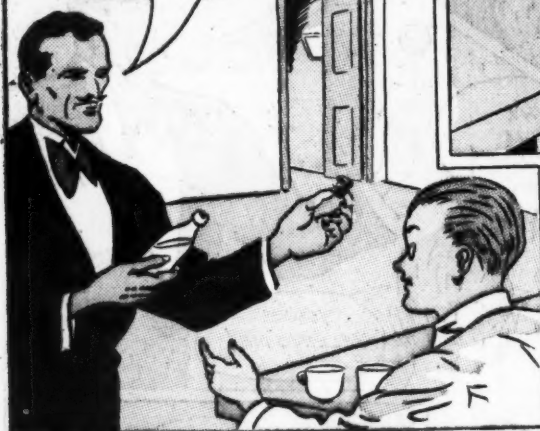
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ISSUE



CUP GLASS AND GOBLET

NOW PUT THE CORK IN THE BOTTLE, TAKE IT TO LORNA IN THE OTHER ROOM, AND SHE'LL DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID!



GEE!

FIRST POUR SOME WATER FROM THIS BOTTLE INTO ANY OF THOSE THREE YOU WISH-- THE CUP, THE GLASS, OR THE GOBLET.

I'LL TAKE THE GOBLET.



THERE YOU ARE!

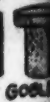
BUT HOW DID SHE KNOW?



EASILY! I HAD THREE CORKS--ONE FOR THE CUP, ONE FOR THE GLASS, AND ONE FOR THE GOBLET. I HANDED OUT THE RIGHT ONE FOR YOU TO CORK THE BOTTLE!

CORKS

GLASS



CUP

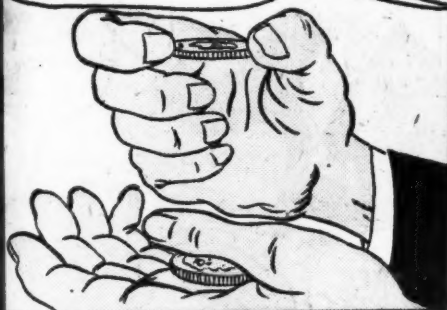
GOBLET

ELLIMAN'S DISSOLVING DIME!

THE TRICK BEGINS WHEN YOU PLACE THE DIME ON A HALF DOLLAR --



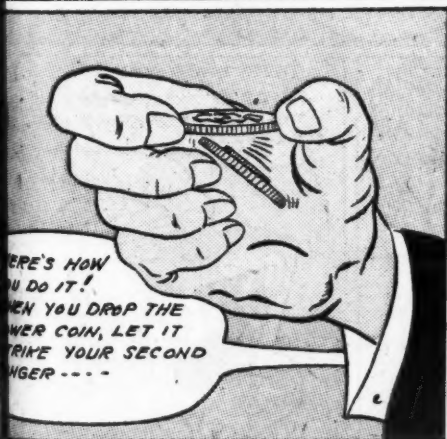
YOU LET THE BOTTOM HALF DOLLAR FALL --- AND THEN THE TOP ONE ---



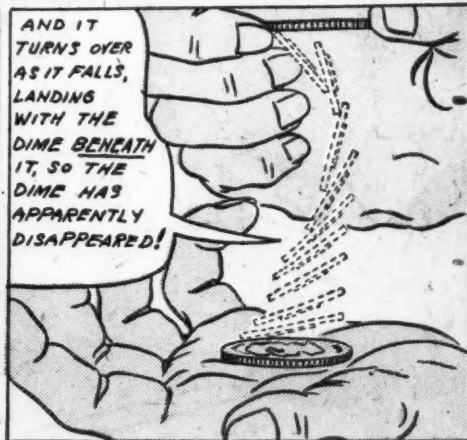
AND THE DIME IS GONE!



HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT! WHEN YOU DROP THE LOWER COIN, LET IT STRIKE YOUR SECOND FINGER ---



AND IT TURNS OVER AS IT FALLS, LANDING WITH THE DIME BENEATH IT, SO THE DIME HAS APPARENTLY DISAPPEARED!



ELLIMAN

DEMONSTRATES

~ The ~

FLIP-OVER

TRICK

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS! ARRANGE THE CARDS FACE-UP AND FACE-DOWN, SO THEY PROJECT FROM DIFFERENT ENDS OF THE PACK. PUSH THEM TOGETHER BUT NOT ALL THE WAY!



THEN WHEN YOU RIFFLE THE CARDS AT THE PROPER END, ONLY THE ONES FACE-FRONT WILL SHOW!



ELLIMAN

EXPLAINS THE "GOLD STAR MYSTERY"

I WANT YOU TO TURN OVER
THESE THREE CHECKERS AND
SET THEM IN ANY ORDER YOU
WANT. THEN I'LL PICK THE ONE
WITH THE GOLD STAR!

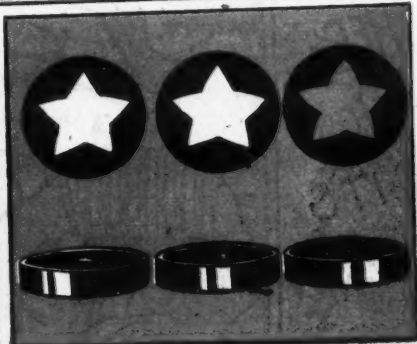


THAT'S IT!

THAT'S
RIGHT!

BUT HOW
COULD YOU
TELL?

IT'S EASY, IF YOU
KNOW HOW TO LOOK. I
PASTED THE GOLD STAR
OVER A HAIR THAT PRO-
JECTS FROM THE
CHECKER. THE HAIR IS
WHAT YOU LOOK FOR!



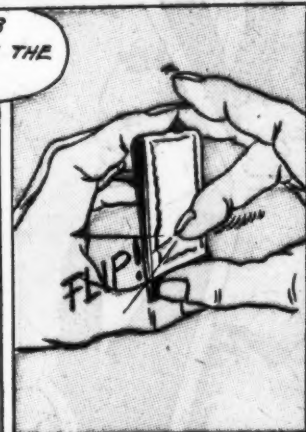
ELLIMAN

SHOWS YOU
THE RIDDLE OF
THE

MYSTIC MATCH PACK



NEXT I DROP THE MATCHES
IN MY POCKET, THEN I GIVE THE
PACK A MAGIC FLIP....



NOW,
HERE'S
HOW
IT'S
DONE!



THAT'S
HOW
IT'S
DONE
TRY
IT.

THE GREAT DOMINO TRICK—

THERE ARE SIX DOMINOES. WANT YOU TO SET THEM IN A ROW, MATCHING EACH NUMBER WITH THE SAME NUMBER ON ANOTHER DOMINO----



MEANWHILE, I'LL BLINDFOLD LORNA AND AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED THE ROW, SHE WILL NAME THE END NUMBERS!

LET'S START WITH THIS ONE!

GOOD. HERE'S ONE WITH A MATCHING NUMBER.



AND NOW-- THE NUMBERS!

THREE ON ONE END.....SIX ON THE OTHER!

WHAT? HOW IT'S DONE TRY IT.

SAY...BOTH THOSE NUMBERS ARE RIGHT!

Wack!

BUT HOW DID LORNA GUESS THOSE NUMBERS?

SHE DIDN'T GUESS...SHE KNEW. WITH THOSE SIX DOMINOES YOU ALWAYS END WITH THE SAME NUMBERS!

YOU CAN START WITH ANY DOMINO, BUT IT WON'T MATTER!



THE ALARM CLOCK MYSTERY



FIRST WE PRODUCE AN ALARM CLOCK OUT OF THIS HAT!

SAY---WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?



NOW SET THE CLOCK AT ANY HOUR YOU WANT AND LAY IT FACE DOWN ON THE TABLE!



WE'VE SET IT... AND THERE IT IS.

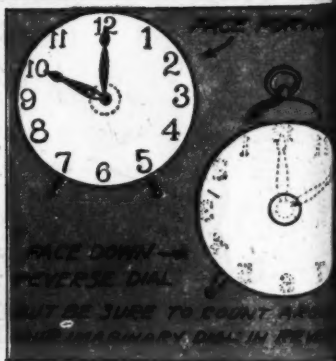
AND THE HOUR IS TEN O'CLOCK!



HOW DID ELLIMAN DO IT?

YOU'D BETTER ASK ELLIMAN HIMSELF.

ALLRIGHT, I'LL EXPLAIN IT! BEFOREHAND, SET THE CLOCK AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, THEN MAKE A LITTLE NICK AT THE TOP OF THE KNOB USED TO SET THE CLOCK, FROM THAT SCRATCH YOU CAN TELL THE HOUR WHEN THE CLOCK IS FACE DOWN!



FACE DOWN - REVERSE DIAL - BUT BE SURE TO COUNT AROUND THE DIAL IN REVERSE

COIN GO!

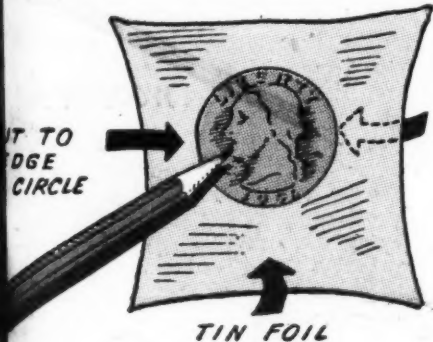
There are lots of ways to make a coin vanish by magic. Here is one way that is so simple that even a child can do it. There is none where the audience sees the coin crumple to nothing the way it does in this trick!

You show a quarter and hold it at your fingertips. Hold it up as shown in sketch. Now, with every eye right on you, you take the coin and crumple it to nothing between your fingers! Startling as this is, it is a cinch to perform. Before you do it, there is a certain amount of preparation. You see, the audience they see is not really a coin, although they will swear it is!

Here's the way to get ready. Tear a piece of tin foil off a package of tin foil and then place it on top of a quarter. Next, take a pencil and scribble all over the tin foil which is pressed down on top of the quarter. You will find that the pencil turns the tin foil into an exact replica of a quarter.

When this is done, cut the tin foil fake down to a circle so that it is the right size, just like a quarter. It is this fake coin that you show. You call it a quarter, it looks like one, so the audience has no way to know that it isn't real.

Now you see how easy it is to crumple it to nothing! When it is just a tiny ball hide it in between the bases of your fingers and you can then show your hands empty!





SOLID THROUGH SOLID!



It is a well known scientific fact that two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

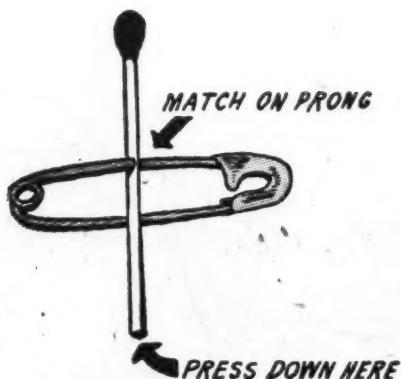
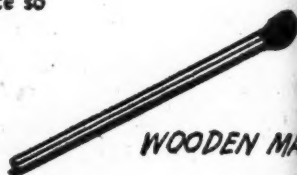
Since science says it can't be done, and since you are a magician, you proceed to do the impossible. You put a wooden matchstick on the prong of a safety pin as shown in the sketch. That done, you tell the audience about the fact that a solid cannot go through a solid.

Then you proceed to make the match go right through the solid steel of the safety pin!

The trick works itself. If you press down on the end of the matchstick hard enough and let go, the match will swing around, hit the solid bar and bounce around back so fast that it seems to have penetrated right through the bar!

You will have to make this up and try it yourself before you will believe that it will work. It doesn't seem possible that the motion could be too fast for the eye to see but nevertheless this is true and makes possible this very baffling trick!

When you perform it, be sure and give a resounding scientific spiel in explanation. Say that ever since the atomic bomb, new developments have been coming up in science so that now the completely impossible is quite easy!



THE STRETCHING HOLE!

This is really two tricks in one. The first leads right into the second. First you show a piece of paper with a hole the size of a dime in the center of it.

You say, I can stretch that hole so that a quarter will fit through that dime sized hole. No one will believe you can. So as shown in sketches and you will find that the hole is big enough for the coin to drop through. This is because of the way the hole bends.

Now you have them all prepared for the killer. You say, it's more, I can push a man's hat through that hole! This they can't believe—it is just too impossible! Wait till they have realized the complete impossibility of pushing a big hat through a hole the size of a dime.

When they realize how magical it would have to be, you take a pencil out of your pocket. You have the pencil on the table. You pick up the paper with the hole and push the pencil through it.

When the pencil is through the hole, you push the hat on the pencil and smile. You say, see, I have pushed a hat through the hole!

It's just a gag of course, but you have set the stage by the trick where they didn't think a quarter could fit through that little hole.

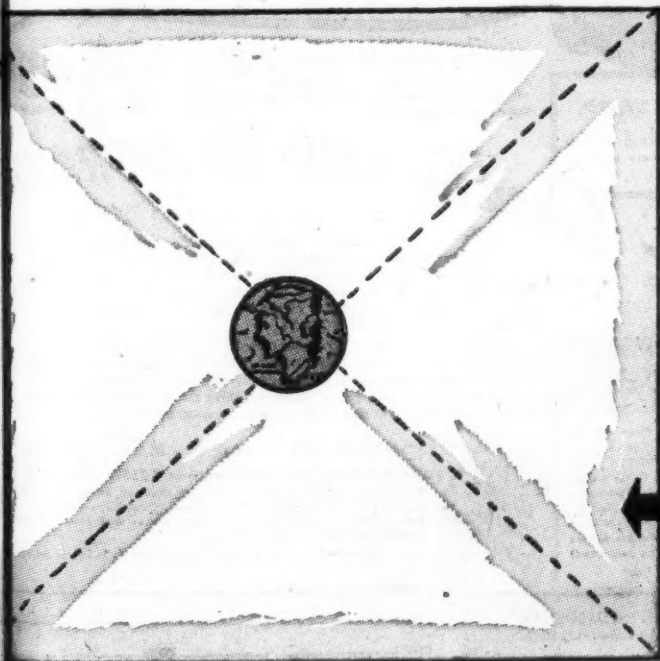


QUARTER

DROP QUARTER
IN HERE



BEND PAPER UP
ALONG DOTTED
LINES AND HOLE
GETS BIGGER



SHEET OF PAPER WITH
HOLE CUT IN CENTER
THE SIZE OF A DIME



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